



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
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FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL: 2178

PRINTER'S NO: 3313

PRIME SPONSOR: Galloway

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY	FY 2009/10	FY 2010/11
Revenue Increase/(Decrease):		
General Fund	\$21,666*	\$21,666*

**See Analysis*

OVERVIEW:

House Bill 2178 amends the Manufactured Housing Improvement Act (Act 158 of 2004) allowing the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) to establish standards for relocated manufactured homes.

House Bill 2178 requires DCED to promulgate regulations, for both new and relocated manufactured homes, establishing procedures to assess compliance with the Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standard to which a home was originally designed and constructed.

DCED is also required to invite comments from the manufactured housing industry, manufactured home owners, and third-party agencies concerning regulations governing the installation of new manufactured homes and relocated manufactured homes.

The procedures and installation standard shall:

- Establish minimum requirements for fire safety, exterior coverings, structural integrity, and other elements that would render a manufactured home unsafe or unsanitary.
- Establish prescriptive guidelines for support, anchoring, and assembly, as it relates to the installation standard.
- Provide an alternative when the manufacturer's original installation instructions are no longer available or practical.
- Establish criteria to evaluate the suitability of existing foundation in land lease communities which may be utilized in the installation of relocated manufactured homes.
- Establish a shallow depth frost protected foundation system which may be utilized in a land lease community.

This bill also provides that the permits currently required under the Uniform Construction Code for the installation and occupancy of manufactured housing would also be applicable to relocated manufactured homes.

This bill also provides that a permit for occupancy of a relocated manufactured home may not be issued unless the relocated manufactured home meets the department's regulations and the installer certifies the installation.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS:

Under current law, DCED is authorized to determine and approve reasonable fees for educational programs, testing and certification of those persons certified to install and inspect the installation of new manufactured homes in this Commonwealth. House Bill 2178 would extend this authority to all manufactured homes. DCED estimates about an additional 100 home installers, who currently only install used or relocated manufactured homes, would need to be certified. The annual certification fee is \$150 (100 installers * \$150 = \$15,000). Each home installer would need to attend training every three years at a cost of \$200 (100 installers * \$200 = \$20,000); however, spread over three years of training this would equate to \$6,666 per year, totaling an estimated \$21,666 per year of additional revenue.

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